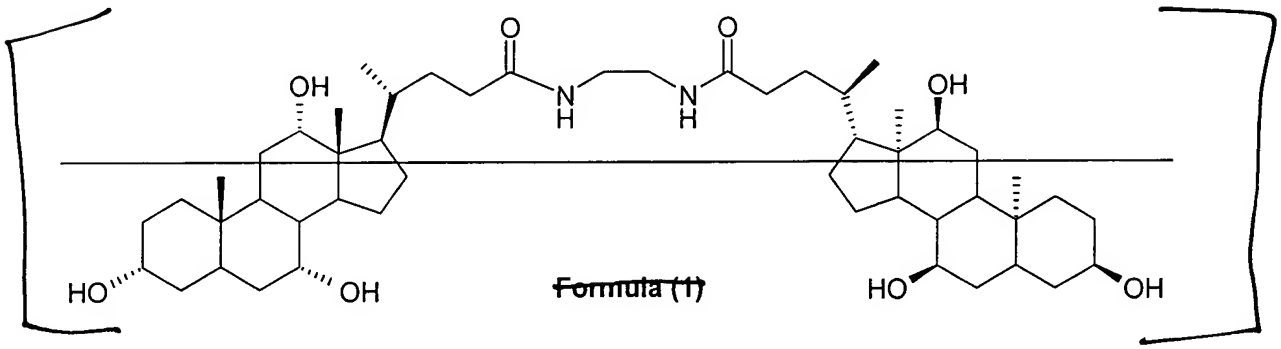
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

We Claim

1. (currently amended) Antifungal steroidal dimers, N^1, N^3- diethylenetriamine bis [cholic acid amide] of formula (1), and N^1, N^3- diethylenetriamine bis [deoxycholic acid amide] of formula (2)



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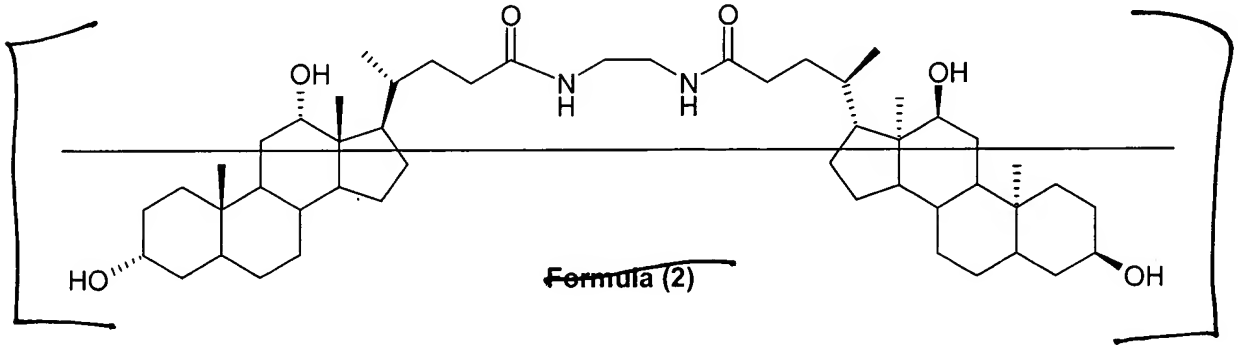

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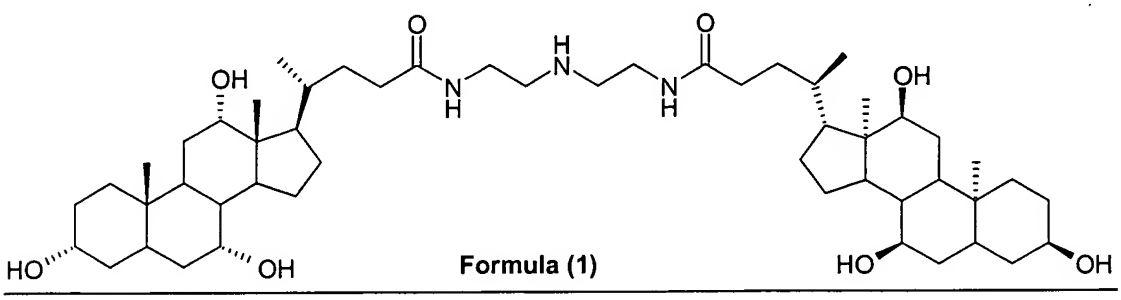

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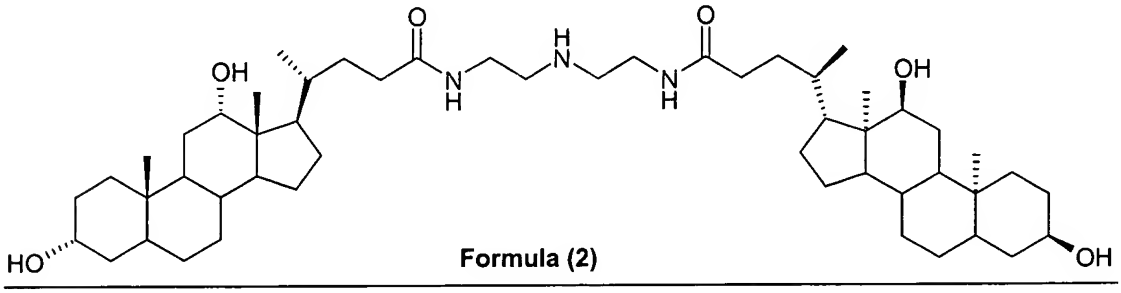

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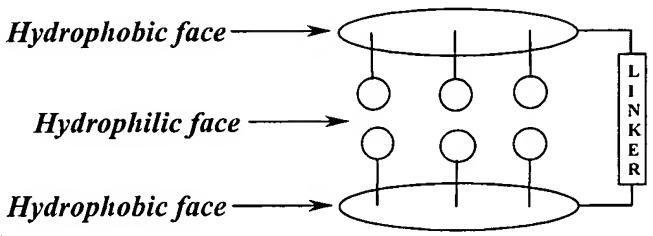
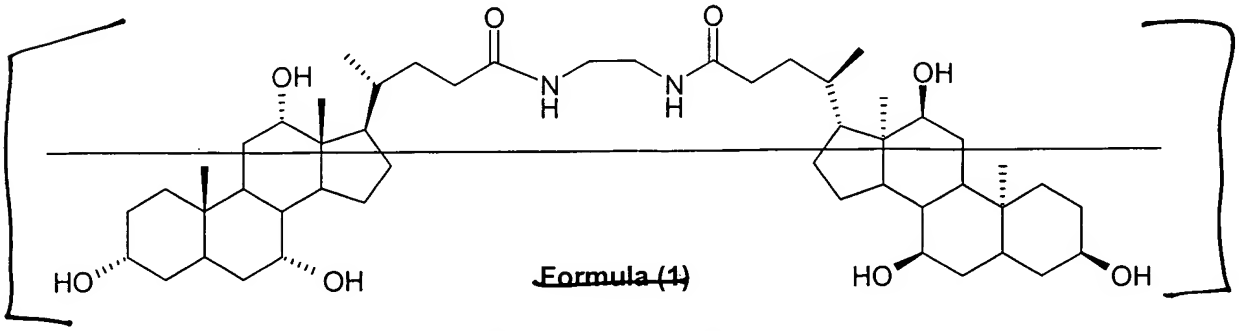


Figure (3)

2-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A ~~process~~ method for the preparation of steroidal dimers N^1, N^3-diethylenetriamine bis [cholic acid amide] and N^1, N^3- diethylenetriamine bis [deoxycholic acid amide] having structural formula (1) and (2) respectively,



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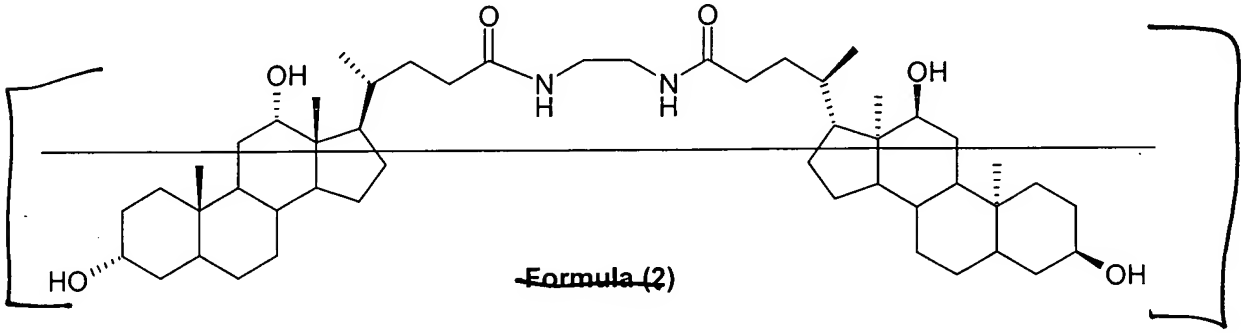

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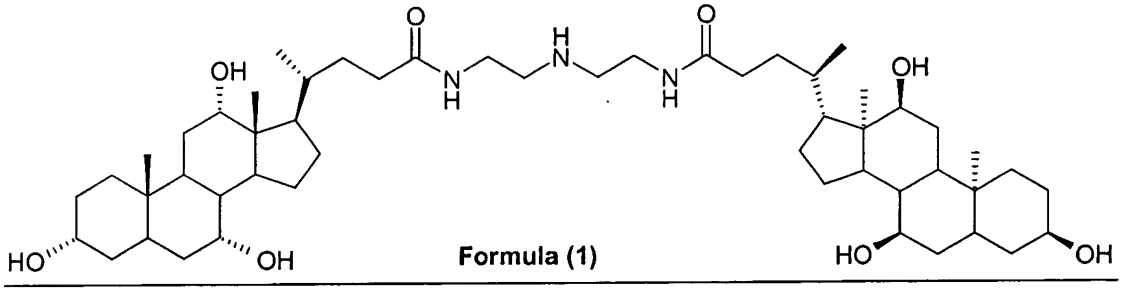

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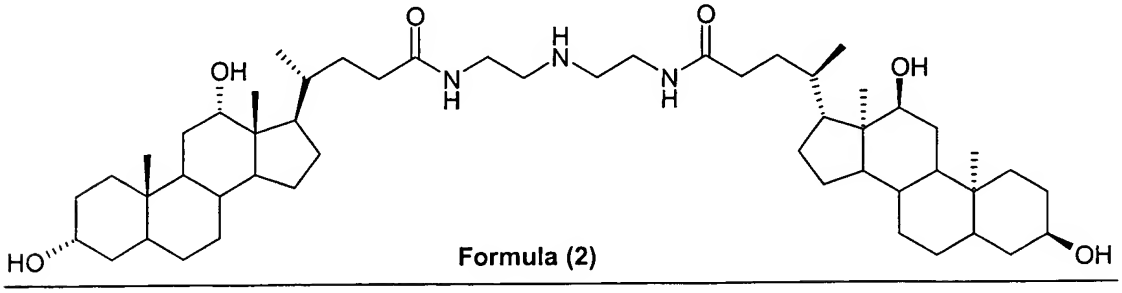

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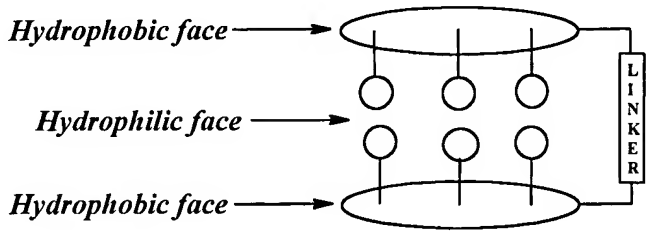

Figure (3)

said ~~process~~ method comprisinges ~~steps of~~,

a. preparing a solution of N-succinimidyl ester of bile acids in an organic solvent at a temperature ranging between 10 to 50 ℃;

b. adding diethylenetriamine to the solution of step (a) followed by stirring the same for a time duration ranging from 1 to 5 h at a temperature ranging between 20 to 70 ℃ to obtain a reaction mixture;

c. quenching the reaction mixture of step (b) with ice to a form containing crude products having structural formula ~~(a)~~ (1) and ~~(b)~~ (2), and

a. separating the crude products of step (c) and purifying the same to obtain the compound of formula (1) or (2).

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) ~~A process as claimed in~~ The method of claim 7, wherein the organic solvent[~~s~~] is selected from a group comprising chlorinated solvents such as chloroform and dichloromethane or polar aprotic solvents such as dimethylformamide and dimethylsulfoxide.

10-13. (canceled)